

**Service Committee
February 16, 2009
5:45 PM
Minutes**

Call to order: Dr. Bender called the meeting to order at 5:45pm

Roll Call: Present for roll call was Mrs. Turner and Dr. Bender. Mr. Paini was absent. Also in attendance was Mayor Ebert, Steve Smith (WWTP), Bill Sims (Const. Svcs), Matt Peoples (Public Works), Dick Miller (Urban Forester), Joe Taylor (WTP) and Ed Snyder (Streets).

Mrs. Turner moved to excuse Mr. Paini due to the birth of his child. Dr. Bender seconded that motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** Mrs. Turner, Dr. Bender
 NAYS:
 Motion Carried.

Mrs. Turner moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 Service Committee Meeting, seconded by Dr. Bender.

VOTE: **AYES:** Mrs. Turner, Dr. Bender
 NAYS:
 Motion Carried.

Staff Reports:

Bill Sims – Sludge press work is continuing and construction of the fabric building will begin this week. Finish date is slated for approx. 1-2 weeks later than the original completion date, but is on a good schedule.

The Fairfield Medical complex TIFF work has come to a halt due to frozen ground but is due to resume in late March. Work on the inside of the building continues.

The Thrush Dr. projects will start early this spring. Asphalt work will begin in April.

2009 Street program will be advertised this Wednesday for a bid opening in March.

New administrative assistant is helping Mr. Sims get his office in order.

Matt Peoples – Manager's Retreat is this Wednesday.
Safe Routes to School is being finalized so that it can be sent to the Engineer's office for their part.

Ed Snyder – Brine trucks are being rebuilt. Repairs are being made to the salt mine. Stickers to start the numbering system of village-owned street lights have been received and will be placed.

Mr. Snyder and Mr. Peoples have been reviewing a proposal for spring treatment of grass at Hanners Park. The treatments will start in March.

Computer program at the shop is being updated to keep track of vehicle and equipment maintenance.

Snow plowing equipment is being maintained.

Pothole work is ongoing.

Dick Miller – STAB will be discussing Arbor Day tree give-away and the upcoming tire-sweep of Walnut Creek. Confirmation came that we received a Tree City award for 2008 and a Growth Award.

Howe Park Pond was stocked with 400 fish for public fishing; large mouth bass, perch, blue gill and channel cat-fish.

Additional flowers at Stradley Park are being discussed. 100 tree seedlings are ordered to plant on the east side of the water plant for screening.

Joe Taylor – Conversion of some storage bins was completed at the water plant.

Mr. Sims and Mr. Taylor have discussed the high bid price with the bidder for the Tower Maintenance Contract.

Meter replacement program is at 88% and will continue in Winchester Place and Westchester.

There were two water main breaks in January.

Pool cover was removed from the pool after the snow storm. Patterson Pools will do an evaluation of the pool in mid-March and will give the assessment and price to bring it back to code.

Steve Smith – First sewer back up occurred in the Sycamore sub-division in Pickerington. It was cleaned up quickly and two basements were backed up into. It was due to grease back up in the lines from neighbor's putting grease in the drains. It was not due to the Village's negligence.

I&I work is still ongoing to see where water is coming in.

Mr. Moore's second knee has been operated on and has been gone for 2 months and will be back in another month or so. The crew has been sparse.

Engineer's Report: Thrush Drive will start in mid-March.

Pended Items:

08-38 Street Light Relocations/Decorations – Matt Peoples, Ed Snyder

Mr. Peoples stated that there are 340 lights and it costs \$12-14 per light to be decorated. It was discussed that intersections on Waterloo and areas on Gender could be added and decorated to add more ambiance to the Village. It was decided that this would stay on the pended items list, in case Mr. Paini has further questions.

Mrs. Turner added that she would like to bring up the issue of installing more lights along Waterloo since the relocation isn't possible. Mr. Peoples stated that that would be an issue to bring up to Council.

New Items for Discussion:

09-07 Road Salt Contract – Matt Peoples, Ed Snyder

Last year the salt contract went from \$48/ton to \$148/ton. Mr. Peoples and Mr. Snyder have been looking into other options thru ODOT. This year, salt through ODOT was \$56/ton. They would suggest that we switch to the State of Ohio contract and it would take an emergency ordinance to do that.

Mrs. Turner moved to take this to council and will sponsor the legislation. Dr. Bender seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** Mrs. Turner, Dr. Bender

NAYS:

Motion Carried.

09-08 Potential Stimulus Package Opportunities – Matt Peoples

Through our various associations, there have been many different opportunities to submit projects for potential funding from the stimulus packet for infrastructure improvements. The Eichorn/Robinette/Rutherford project would fit well into this part of the stimulus fund. Today a project was submitted to accelerate our ash removal. Mr. Peoples wanted to make the committee aware that they are taking advantage of all possibilities for program funding.

09-09 2009 Street CIP Project – Bill Sims

Bid opening will be March 6th and anticipate bringing the recommendation to Council on the 16th. We are looking for a sponsor.

Dr. Bender moved to take this to full Council and will sponsor the legislation. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** Mrs. Turner, Dr. Bender

NAYS:

Motion Carried.

Old/New Business: None at this time.

Adjournment

Mrs. Turner moved to adjourn this meeting of the Service Committee, seconded by Dr. Bender.

VOTE: **AYES:** Mrs. Turner, Dr. Bender

NAYS:

Motion Carried. Time out 6:26pm